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IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF DUCHESNE COUNTY

STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE GENERAL DETERMINATION OF ALL THE RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER, BOTH SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND, WITHIN THE DRAINAGE AREA OF THE UINTA BASIN IN UTAH.) A	AFFIDAVIT	OF LORYN	ROSS
) (Civil No.	3070	

STATE OF UTAH)) ss.
COUNTY OF DUCHESNE)

Upon first being duly sworn, the undersigned hereby states:

- I am Loryn Ross an officer of the Uintah Basin Irrigation Company and an owner of lands under the Uintah Basin Irrigation Company water system.
- 2. I have, for many years, been an officer and directly involved in the affairs of the Uintah Basin Irrigation Company.
- 3. For a time I also served a the Commissioner of the Duchesne River under the direction of the Utah State Engineer and know and understand the distribution system of the Duchesne River.
- 4. I have considered the proposal made by the State
 Engineer to distribute the waters of the Duchesne River on the

basis of 4 acre feet per acre for the year 1989.

- 5. My experience is that the Uintah Basin Irrigation Company has traditionally had distributed to it more than 4 acre feet per acre annually.
- 6. As I understand the water rights of the Uintah Basin Irrigation Company, its right under its filings and Utah State law, entitle it to more than 4 acre feet per acre of water from the Duchesne River.
- 7. I have discussed the matter with water consumption experts on crop use and have been told that the schedule of distribution proposed by the State Engineer will not supply adequate water to the Uintah Basin Irrigation Company stockholders to grow the crops they have customarily grown under their existing water right.
- 8. It is my opinion that if the proposed schedule of distribution goes into effect, for the year 1989, the stockholders of the Uintah Basin Irrigation Company will not receive their rightful share of water under the Duchesne River and they will sustain substantial losses because they will be unable to grow the crops which they have heretofore grown under their water right.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Court schedule a hearing on this matter to allow the parties to present their protest and evidence regarding the State Engineer's

proposal.

DATED this 24 day of March, 1989.

VERIFICATION

Loryn Ross, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an officer in the Uintah Basin Irrigation Company; that he has read the contents hereof and knows that the statements contained herein are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 d 1989.

My commission expires:

Residing at Koosevett, Utak.

MAILING CERTIFICATE

STATE OF UTAH) ss. COUNTY OF DUCHESNE)

Kathleen M. Lynch, being duly sworn, says:

That she is employed in the office of NIELSEN & SENIOR, Gayle F. McKeachnie, attorneys for Uintah Basin Irrigation Company, herein; that she served the attached OBJECTION TO MOTION OF STATE ENGINEER FOR ORDER OF DISTRIBUTION AND REQUEST FOR HEARING and AFFIDAVIT OF LORYN ROSS upon counsel by placing a true and correct copy thereon in an envelope addressed to:

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and deposited the same, sealed, with first class postage prepaid thereon, in the United States mail at Roosevelt, Utah, on the day of March, 1989.

Kathleen M. Lynch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24^{μ} day of

March, 1989.

My commission expires:

May 5, 1991

Notary Public

Residing at Roosevelt, Utah